GOVERNOR'S OFFICE, }
Austin, Oct. 2, 1871. }

Hon. WM. H. SINCLAIR,
            Speaker of the House of Representatives:
    SIR: I return to the House of Representatives where it origi-
nated, the act entitled "An act to amend an 'act entitled an act to
incorporate the Belton Bridge Company,' approved April 12, 1871"
and ask that the same be reconsidered.
    This act is objectionable in respect that it proposes to close up all
natural fords on the Leon river within three miles of the Belton
bridge, so as to force travelers and freight to cross said river on that
bridge.   I think this effect of the act must have been overlooked by
the Houses.   It seems to me that such provison is an unconstitu-
tional interferance with private rights.
                        Very respectfully,
                            EDMUND J. DAVIS, Governor.
    Mr. Miller moved to lay the Governor's veto message and the bill
(House bill No. 698) on the table.   Lost.
    Mr. Morrison moved to refer the bill to a select committee of
three.   Lost.
    A message was received from the Senate returning House bill No.
750, which had been passed by that body, and transmitting for the
concurrence of the House Senate bill No. 504.   Also, for the sig-
nature of the Speaker enrolled Senate bills Nos. 498, 369 and 458,
which were signed by the Speaker.
    The question being "Will the House on reconsideration agree to

pass House bill No. 698?"   The House refused to pass the bill by
the following vote:
    Yeas—Messrs. Abbott of Hill, Austin, Booty, Camp, Chambers,
Cole, Harn, Hawkins, Jenkins, Johnson, Kyle, Lacy, Lane, Leon-
ard, McKee of Guadalupe, McKee of Fannin, McLean, Miller,
Morrison, Moore of Red River, Pierson, Posey, Robb, Robertson,
Schlotman, Self, Simmons, Smyth, Van Noy, Weaver, Young—31.
    Nays—Messrs. Abbott of Austin, Richard Allen, Bonner, Cotton,
Cox, Dorris, Dupree, Franks, Gardiner, Gaston, Grothaus, Has-
well, Kendall, Locke, Medlock, Moore of Harrison, Patton, Plumley,
Ross, Schlickum, Sheriff, Shoemaker, Spencer, Stockbridge, Tins-
ley, Williams of Colorado, Williams of Walker, York, Youngkin,
Zapp, Zoeller—31.